

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

Thursday, January 18, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Wylie H. Smith of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Deering of York, under suspension of the rules it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Tuesday, January 23, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Subsequently the order came back from the House, concurred in by that body.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were received and on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees:

Agriculture.

By Mr. Peterson of Aroostook: Resolve making appropriation for support of bureau of markets for years 1917 and 1918.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: Resolve in favor of the Maine Mission for the Deaf.

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: Resolve in favor of the Bath City Hospital.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: Resolve to provide for a revision of the laws relating to Banks and Banking.

Claims.

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: Resolve in favor of Morrison Libby.

Insurance and Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: An Act for the prevention of fires by better construction of chimneys.

Judiciary.

By Mr. Hastings of Androscoggin: Resolve in favor of DeForest Keyes.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset: An Act in relation to the duties of county attorneys.

(Tabled for printing, pending reference on motion by Mr. Wood of Hancock.)

By Mr. Deering of York: An Act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies. (Order printed.)

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: An Act to incorporate the Verona Village Corporation.

By the same Senator: An Act to authorize voters absent from the city, town and plantation, in which they are qualified to vote, to vote therein by having their ballot delivered by mail to the city, town or plantation clerk on election day, and to regulate such manner of voting.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset: An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 relating to the tenure of office of county attorney. (Order printed.)

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: An Act relating to the issuing of blank writs by the clerks of the supreme judicial courts, clerks and recorders of municipal and police courts and trial justices.

Military Affairs.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: Resolve relating to equestrian statue of Major General Oliver O. Howard and a standing statue of Brevet Major General Joshua L. Chamberlain at Gettysburg.

Pensions.

By Mr. Butler of Knox: Resolve providing a State pension for Stephen F. Flood.

Public Utilities.

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Fairfield and Skowhegan Railway Company.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: Resolve relating to the ferry owned and operated by the city of Bath and the town of Woolwich in the county of Sagadahoc.

By Mr. Ames of Washington: Resolve in favor of repairing bridges on the Air Line road in Township 13 in Washington county.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of Marshfield and Whitneyville for repairs upon highways.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of the town of Wesley, for repairing the main highway.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that an invitation be extended to the Hon. Lyman H. Nelson of Portland, formerly chairman of the State Highway Commission, to address the legislature and the citizens of Maine upon the subject of state highways, on the evening of Wednesday, January 24, 1917, at 8 o'clock, and be it further

Ordered, that the hall of the House of Representatives be devoted to this purpose on this occasion.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Hr. Hastings of Penobscot, Senate Document No. 6, Resolve in favor of the cooperative survey of the boundary line between the State of Maine and the State of New Hampshire, tabled by him for printing, was taken from the table. And on further motion from the same Senator was referred to the committee on state lands and forest preservation.

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington, the report of the secretary of the Maine State Sea Food and Protective Commission, tabled by him, was taken from the table. On motion by the same Senator the report was referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, Senate Document No. 8, An Act to permit savings banks to invest in certain corporation bonds, tabled by him for printing, was taken from the table. On further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the committee on banks and banking.

Mr. HIGGINS of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby we passed and sent down for concurrence the joint order providing for an adjournment, in order that I may offer an amendment to that order.

(The order was read by the chair.)

Mr. HIGGINS: Mr. President, in order that the Senators may be familiar with my purpose in offering the amendment, I would state that it is the desire of the Governor that we do not adjourn today, in order that we may catch up with our work and hasten matters so that an adjournment may be finally taken at an earlier date than otherwise. For that reason I ask for reconsideration of the order.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HIGGINS: Mr. President, I now offer the following amendment: Amend by inserting after the word "adjourn," the word "Friday."

The PRESIDENT: The motion is not necessary as we would adjourn until tomorrow anyway.

Mr. BURLEIGH of Aroostook: Mr. President, I arose to state that without any order at all, we would adjourn today until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

A recess was declared by the President.

After Recess.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate the following order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Tuesday, January 23, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. HIGGINS: Mr. President, I move that the order be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. MARSHALL of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the order have a passage.

The PRESIDENT: I shall rule that as a motion to adjourn to a day certain is a highly privileged motion, the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Marshall, has precedence. All in favor of the passage of the order will vote aye.

Mr. BUTLER of Knox: Mr. President, I do not think the form of the present vote is distinctly understood by all the members. I wish it might be stated again.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator Marshall of Cumberland that the following order have a passage: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn

they adjourn to meet Tuesday, January 23, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

All in favor of the passage of the order of adjournment until next Tuesday at 10 o'clock will vote in the affirmative, and those opposed will vote in the negative.

A vote being taken the Chair was in doubt.

A rising vote was had and 14 Senators voting in the affirmative and 6 in the negative the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Marshall, was carried.

On motion by Mr. Stanley of Oxford, Adjourned until next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.